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TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Koethen airfield between 8 August and 4 September 1952:

8 August. At 11:17 a.m., eight swept-back jet fighters took off in elements of two. A formation of 10 swept-back jet fighters was observed over the field at 11:20 a.m. All the planes were equipped with auxiliary fuel tanks.

12 August. At 10:07 a.m., seven swept-back jet fighters,

25X1 25X1 took off. Four MiG-15 and type-29 planes, took off at 10:30 a.m.

18 August. A biplane landed at 10:30 a.m. and immediately took off again. The flight of four alert planes was still marked at its previous location.

25X1 25X1 Between 10:30 and 11:10 a.m.,

heard the practice firing of pistols and machine guns.

4 September. Between 6:10 and 7 p.m., 23 MiG-15s and 2 Yak-11s were counted at the field. ** At 6:42 p.m., 16 MiG-15s took off at short intervals. The formation was aloft within two minutes and departed. It was not observed landing up to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m., searchlights were in operation and the runway lights were switched on.

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2. Three gun emplacements and two large tents guarded by two sentries each were observed next to the alert planes, **

3. After nightfall, two sentries armed with rifles were observed patrolling both on Easendorf-Koethen road and another road. The same observation was made on 8 September.

4. During the morning of 11 August, there was intensive air activity. Six Yak-11s and 23 swept-back jet fighters were counted at the field. Between 9:30 p.m. and 3:15 a.m. on the next morning, flights were made while searchlights were in operation. The following take-offs and landings were observed on 12 August:

Take-Offs

Landings

Aircraft

4. 3:53 p.m.

Plane

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4:05 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

Blue plane with radial engine towed an air sleeve

4:33 p.m.

Plane

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4:52 p.m.	5:50 to 5:52 p.m.	Eight planes	25X1
		[redacted]	25X1
4:55 "		Plane [redacted]	25X1
5:20 p.m.		Plane [redacted] towing an air sleeve	25X1
5:24 "		Plane [redacted]	25X1
5:45 "		Plane [redacted]	25X1

25X1 On 14 August, two blue fighters with radial engines landed at the field. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] At 3:36 p.m.
 25X1 on 15 August, 11 swept-back jet fighters, [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] took off. The planes landed between 4:36 and 4:40 p.m.
 25X1 Plane [redacted] took off at 5:25 p.m. and landed at 5:40 p.m. Twelve swept-back
 25X1 jet fighters took off between 6:12 and 6:16 p.m. and landed between 6:58 and
 25X1 7:03 p.m. [redacted]

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